MINUTES OF THE IOWA CHAPTER OF IAPMO MEETING 11 NOVEMBER 2013

The Iowa Chapter of IAPMO meeting was called to order by the Treasurer, Rick Coffman, at 9:00 am on 11 November 2013 in Des Moines.

It was moved by Paul Allen and seconded by Bill Schweitzer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as provided by Bernie Osvald. The Motion passed.

It was moved by Scott Riemenschneider and seconded by Bob Osgood to approve the Treasurers report as reported by Rick Coffman. The Motion passed.

Don Hansen introduced Jason Merk and Andrew Finke from the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority. They made a presentation about the Des Moines Metro area’s program to reduce the introduction of Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) into the Des Moines sanitary sewer system and ultimately the Des Moines sewage treatment plant. They serve seventeen Des Moines area communities. They calculate the size of interceptors to be installed in all new restaurants and mandate the installation of outside interceptors whenever physically possible. All restaurant owners must keep records of the interceptor maintenance and cleaning schedule and the hauling contractor must record the amount of FOG removed and disposal. Investigations of FOG introduction to the sewers result in correction notices given to restaurants and fines are levied if corrections are not made. The first full year of the program in 2006 resulted in an average of a little less than 100,000 gallons of FOG being removed each month and hauled. Each year of the program has resulted in an increase in the amount of FOG removed such that in this last year an average of over 700,000 gallons a month has been removed. This is FOG that would have been introduced to the sanitary sewer system. This program has substantially reduced the number of calls of sewer backups from grease blockage in sanitary mains and reduced the costs to the Des Moines Wastewater Department. We thanked Jason and Andrew for their presentation.

Chapter elections were held. Rick Coffman was nominated for President. Bob Osgood was nominated for Vice-President. Don Hansen moved that the Secretary, Bernie Osvald and the Treasurer, Rick Coffman retain their offices and that the nominations be closed. The motion passed. The following were elected unanimously:

Rick Coffman – President

Bob Osgood- Vice President

Bernie Osvald- Secretary
**Rick Coffman**- Treasurer

**Bob Osgood** will contact **Sol** to try to get the CEU classes scheduled at more locations in Iowa including Des Moines and Waterloo.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to code discussion including: backwater valve installation, sump discharge location and connection to sanitary sewers and whether a commercial building may be built where the sanitary sewer is not available and a septic system is not possible. May a storage tank for sewage be installed with alarms and the tank pumped as needed?

Meeting dates for 2014 were set as January 16<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and November 20, 2014. **Steve Donnelly** moved that the Chapter pay for lunch; it was seconded by **Duane Neff**. The motion passed.

It was moved by **Don Hanson** and seconded by **Bernie Osvald** that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. Door prizes were awarded and then the meeting was adjourned.